

REMARKS

The Examiner's recognition of Applicants' invention by the allowance of claims 1-13 is gratefully acknowledged.

The undersigned is grateful for the courtesy shown by the Examiner during phone calls during August, 2006. The Examiner called the newly cited Inoue et al. patent to Applicants' attention. Following consideration, Applicants decided to cancel the claims that were discussed and regret if this was not effectively communicated to the Examiner.

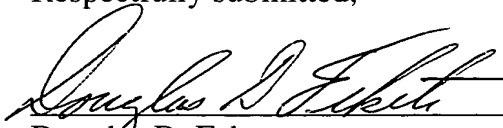
Conclusion

All claims in the case having been allowed, it is requested that the case proceed to issue.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the phone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,



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